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## Religious Studies

Assessment Unit AS 5

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The Origins of the Celtic Church in  
Ireland and the beginnings of its  
missionary outreach

MV18

[AR151]

**TUESDAY 21 JUNE, AFTERNOON**

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### **Time**

1 hour 20 minutes, plus your additional time allowance.

### **Instructions to Candidates**

Write your Centre Number and Candidate Number on the Answer Booklet provided.

Answer **one** question from Section A and **one** question from Section B.

### **Information for Candidates**

The total mark for this paper is 100.

Quality of written communication will be assessed in **all** questions. Figures in brackets printed at the end of each question indicate the marks awarded to each question or part question.

### **Advice to Candidates**

You are advised to take account of the marks for each question or part question in allocating the available examination time.

## Section A

Answer **one** question from Section A

- 1 (a)** In relation to Patrick's mission to the Irish, explain the challenges he faced and how he responded.  
[35 marks]
- (b)** Comment on the claim that Patrick's mission to the Irish was largely successful because of his early experience in Ireland. Justify your answer. [15 marks]
- 2 (a)** Explain the origins and development of Irish monasticism with particular reference to the influence and importance of Candida Casa and Wales.  
[35 marks]
- (b)** "The Irish monasteries were founded by deeply spiritual individuals."  
  
Comment on this claim. Justify your answer.  
[15 marks]

## Section B

Answer **one** question from Section B

- 3 (a)** Explain the value of the Penitentials as historical sources for an understanding of the Celtic Church and society. [35 marks]
- (b)** With reference to other aspects of human experience, explore the view that the Penitential writings are no longer relevant for religious believers. Justify your answer. [15 marks]
- 4 (a)** Explain the importance and significance of the Celtic peregrini to the development of Christianity in Britain with particular reference to the role played by Aidan. [35 marks]
- (b)** With reference to other aspects of human experience, explore the view that missionary outreach has the potential to do more harm than good. Justify your answer. [15 marks]

